

I support media diversity

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

America's forefathers had good foresight to encourage diversity, competition, and support local efforts for people to state their opinions.

We need a media that can allow the diversity of opinions Americans have. Please encourage our media to remain independent and allow our individual voices to be heard. A merged media, a large conglomerate, can lead this country to a "controlled press" like we witness in many other countries.

Americans deserve better than that. Americans deserve their freedom of speech to be just that -- freedom to speak from all points of the question.

I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA in February 2003. I strongly encourage the Commission to hold similar hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions. I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

In today's political climate of acts of terrorism severely hampering our freedoms, please assure this country our continued right to our democratic and multi-opinioned press.

Thank you,

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